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SUBJECT: DHEW/OE/DIE/FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAMS: GROUP
PROJECTS ABROAD

REF STATE A-2354, WARSAW 3334

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE ALLIANCE COLLEGE AND SUNY STONY BROOK PROGRAMS LISTED IN THE REPAIR. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THESE WELL ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND ARE PLEASED THAT DHEW WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM.

2. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS AND LOCK HAVEN STATE COLLEGE TO GET THEIR PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED. THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON MAY 13 WITH WARSAW UNIVERSITY. LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF DHEW/OE/DIE FULBRIGHT-HAYS FY-76 GRANTEE, DR. JAROSLAW PIEKALKIEWICZ, THIS PROGRAM IS OFF TO AN EXCELLENT START. SEE WARSAW REFTEL.

3. LOCK HAVEN STATE COLLEGE WAS NOT ABLE TO GET MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY (MINEDUC) APPROVAL FOR ITS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY IN POZNAN. THE MINEDUC WAS RELUCTANT TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT THAT UNIVERSITY BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF SUCH PROGRAMS ALREADY THERE. WE CONCURRED IN THAT DECISION AND URGED THE MINEDUC
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TO CONSIDER ALLOWING ANOTHER POLISH UNIVERSITY TO ENTER

INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOCK HAVEN, SUGGESTING MARIE CURIE-SKLODOWSKA UNIVERSITY (MCSU) IN LUBLIN. LOCK HAVEN PRESIDENT HAMBLIN VISITED WARSAW AND LUBLIN IN APRIL TO CONFER WITH MINEDUC AND MCSU OFFICIALS. LOCK HAVEN HISTORY PROFESSOR, DR CHARLES KENT, VISITED POLAND IN MAY AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH MCSU FOR AN EXCHANGE IDENTICAL TO THOSE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE POZNAN EXCHANGE. WE HAVE CONFERRED WITH MINEDUC AND MCSU OFFICIALS ON THIS PROGRAM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROGRAM IS OFF TO A GOOD START. WE HOPE THAT DHEW WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT THE LOCK HAVEN/MCSU EXCHANGE.

4. SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE (SCSC): SUMMER INSTITUTE ON CONTEMPORARY POLISH STUDIES: PROFESSOR MOSES STAMBLER FROM SCSC ARRIVED IN POLAND ON FRIDAY MAY 14. WE LEARNED OF HIS IMPENDING ARRIVAL FROM HIS PRIVATE CABLE WE RECEIVED LATE MAY 13. THE DHEW REFAIR ALSO ARRIVED ON MAY 13. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH PROFESSOR STAMBLER ALL WEEK IN AN EFFORT TO HELP HIM ASCERTAIN THE PROSPECTS FOR POLISH COLLABORATION WITH HIS PROGRAM. THE MINEDUC OFFICIALS WITH WHOM PROFESSOR STAMBLER SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF POLAND. HE THEREFORE HAS HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE MINEDUC. THE MINEDUC HAS NOT YET GIVEN ITS APPROVAL FOR THE PROGRAM. IF WE HAD BEEN GIVEN ADVANCE NOTICE OF STAMBLER'S VISIT, WE WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM TO DELAY IT. PROFESSOR STAMBLER HAS MET WITH THE WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP THIS SUMMER PROGRAM. THEY ASSURE HIM THAT SCSC WILL HAVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY WITH MINEDUC APPROVAL. WE WILL MEET WITH MINEDUC OFFICIALS EARLY NEXT WEEK TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THIS PROGRAM AND WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AND DHEW OF THE MINISTRY'S VIEWS.

5. PROGRAMS OF THIS TYPE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MINEDUC APPROVAL, BUT SINCE THE MINISTRY IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE BARELY A MONTH HENCE, THEY MAY BE BALKY. IN LIGHT OF OUR BAD EXPERIENCE WITH A SIMILAR PROGRAM TWO YEARS AGO, WE HAVE ADVISED PROFESSOR STAMBLER TO INSIST THAT SCSC PARTICIPANTS BE REQUIRED

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TO TAKE THIS COURSE FOR CREDIT AND THAT THEY BE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE STANDARD OF ACCOMODATIONS WHICH THEY WILL OCCUPY WHILE THEY ARE IN POLAND.

5. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MILWAUKEE: SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROJECT: WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH UW AT MILWAUKEE ON THIS PROJECT. WE THINK THAT THE UNIVERSITY'S OBJECTIVES ARE CERTAINLY ATTAINABLE IN POLAND. WE SHALL BE

PLEASED TO HELP AS MUCH AS WE CAN, BUT WE WOULD LIKE
FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE WE APPROACH THE MINEDUC. PLEASE
ADVISE THE DATES DURING WHICH THE PROGRAM IS NOW SCHEDULED
TO TAKE PLACE WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

7. WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY-TO-
UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES WHICH DHEW/OE/DIE HAS DEVOTED TO
POLISH PROJECTS THIS YEAR. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SUPPORT
THESE PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WHEREVER
AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BUT WE URGE DHEW/OE/DIE TO GIVE
US AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS IS POSSIBLE OF THESE PROGRAMS
SO THAT WE MAY OFFER EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO VISITING
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES.
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